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INFORMATION TERMINAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 3-5 as follows.

3. (Amended) The information terminal of claim 1, wherein the interlocking lock-mechanism locks the lid directly when the locking device changes from the unlocked state to the locked state.

4. (Amended) The information terminal of claim 1, further comprising a lid locking device for locking and unlocking the lid manually, wherein the interlocking lock-mechanism locks the lid to preventing the lid locking device from being unlocked manually at the locked state.

5. (Amended) The information terminal of claim 1, further comprising a wireless communication function for communicating with outside wherein the detachable memory device is a subscriber identity module (SIM) card used in the wireless communication function.

Kindly add new claims 7-9 as follows.

7. (New) The information terminal of claim 2, wherein the interlocking lock-mechanism locks the lid directly when the locking device changes from the unlocked state to the locked state.

8. (New) The information terminal of claim 2, further comprising a lid locking device for locking and unlocking the lid manually, wherein the interlocking lock-mechanism locks the lid to preventing the lid locking device from being unlocked manually at the locked state.

9. (New) The information terminal of claim 2, further comprising a wireless communication function for communicating with outside wherein the detachable memory device is a subscriber identity module (SIM) card used in the wireless communication function.

REMARKS

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**."

Respectfully submitted,

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What is claimed is:

1. An information terminal comprising:

a case having a section accommodating a detachable memory device;

a locking device provided in the case, the locking device being changed between a locked state and an unlocked state with a key;

a lid for covering the section accommodating the memory device of the case; and

an interlocking lock-mechanism interlocking with the locking device for closing the lid at the locked state and opening the lid at the unlocked state.

2. The information terminal of claim 1, further comprising:

power switch means for enabling at least one of a power feeding and a power cutting off; and

power source locking means for preventing the power switch means at the locked state from operating.

3. The information terminal of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the interlocking lock-mechanism locks the lid directly when the locking device changes from the unlocked state to the locked state.

4. The information terminal of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising a lid locking device for locking and unlocking the lid manually, wherein the interlocking lock-mechanism locks the lid to preventing the lid locking device from being unlocked manually at the locked state.

5. The information terminal of claim 1 ~~or 2~~ further comprising a

wireless communication function for communicating with outside wherein the detachable memory device is a subscriber identity module (SIM) card used in the wireless communication function.

6. The information terminal of claim 2,

wherein the power switch means repeats the power feeding and the power cutting off sequentially at every manipulation, and

wherein the locking device can shift to the locked state while holding the power feeding by the power switch means.